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ERIGERON EVERMANNII EVERMANN FLEABANE

Evermann Fleabane is a perennial with stems 2-10 cm high, and arising from a branched rootstock and deep taproot. The glabrous basal leaves are up to 4 cm long, spoon-shaped, and rounded at the tips. The stem leaves are reduced or lacking. The flowering heads are solitary at the ends of the stems. The rays are 6-10 mm long and white or occasionally light blue. The involucral bracts are 5-8 mm long, spreading hairy, and usually glandular. The achenes have 25-35 unequal-length pappus bristles. Flowering in July-August.

The tap-rooted habit, triple-nerved basal leaves, stem pubescence, almost complete absence of stem leaves, and the shifting talus habitat distinguish this species from other montane species. A hand lens and technical key are needed for positive identification.